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A surveillance state does not foster the kind of community we need. The addition of drones to the police toolkit will not make our communities more safe. They will only increase the police violence we are subjected to. In Nebraska and New Jersey, drones have already been used to surveil protests. In this critical moment of increasing repression and police militarization, we must ensure Oregon does not follow suit. We keep us safe. Now is the time to take steps toward abolishing police, not militarizing them. Funds are better spent uplifting community members.